

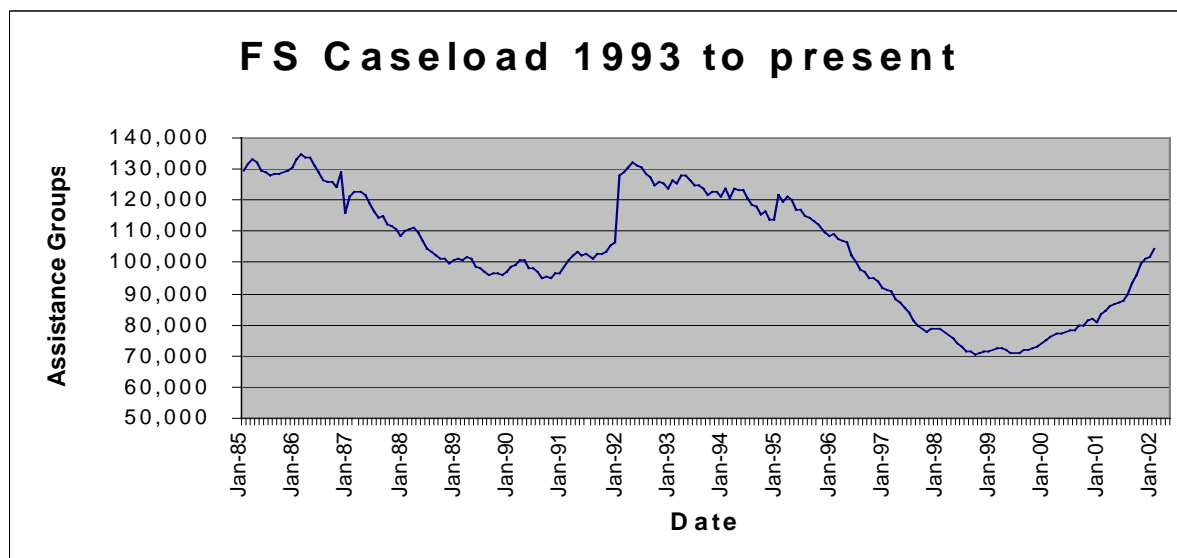
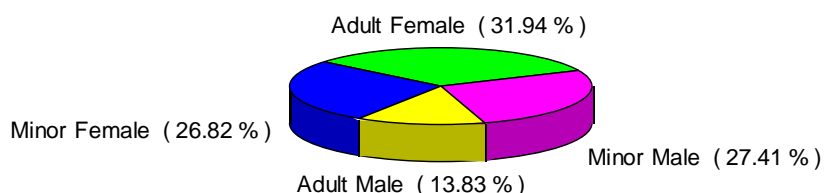
Wisconsin Food Stamp Program At a Glance

All data is for (or as of) the month of January, 2002¹

Who gets food stamps in Wisconsin?

- **Poverty:** 4.9% of the 5.3 million people in Wisconsin receive FS.² On average over the past three years, 8.8% of the state population is at or below the federal poverty rate.³
- **Assistance Groups (AGs)/Individuals:** 104,297 Assistance groups are made up of 257,376 individuals. The AG size increased 2.3% from last month. There are an average of 2.5 people in an AG.
- **Gender:** 59% are female and 41% are male.
- **Adults/Minors:** 46% are adults while 54% are minors. 58% of AGs have minors in them.
- **Historical Caseload trend:** The statewide caseload continues to increase at a steady rate. Since January of last year, the AGs have increased at an average of 2% per month.

Adult Status and Gender Chart



¹ Source: DWD/DWS FS Data Warehouse

² Source: U.S. Census Bureau, <http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/55000.html>

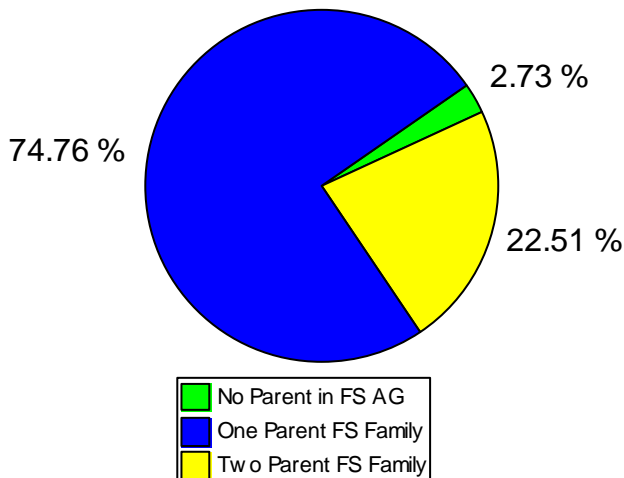
³ Source: U. S. Census Bureau <http://www.census.gov/prod/2001pubs/p60-214.pdf>

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- **Unduplicated FS Recipients for 2001:** In calendar year 2001 365,406 distinct individuals received FS for at least one month⁴. That means that one in every 14.5 people in Wisconsin received at least one benefit month of FS during 2001.

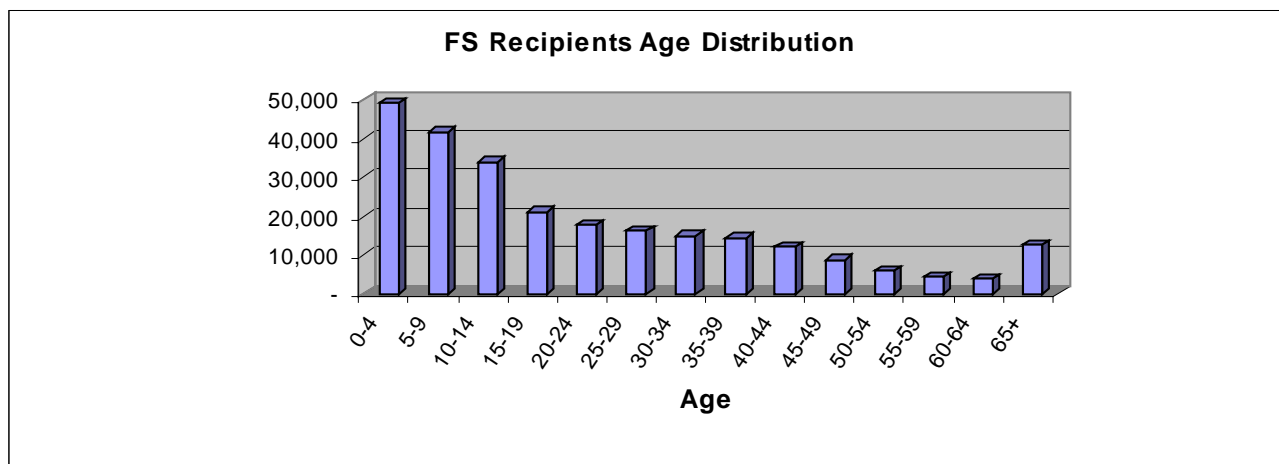
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- **Minors and their parents:** Of the AG's that contain minors, 74.8% have one parent in the AG, 22.5% have two parents, and 2.7% have no parents in the household. "Parent" is defined as a biological parent.



New Stat

- **Parents That Are Minors:** 933 minors in 916 FS AGs are parents. That's 1/3 of 1 percent of the individuals that receive FS. Or, it's less than 1% of all minors that get FS.
- **Age distribution:** The chart below shows the number of FS recipients by age, in ranges of 5 years. The largest age group is comprised of children under age 4.

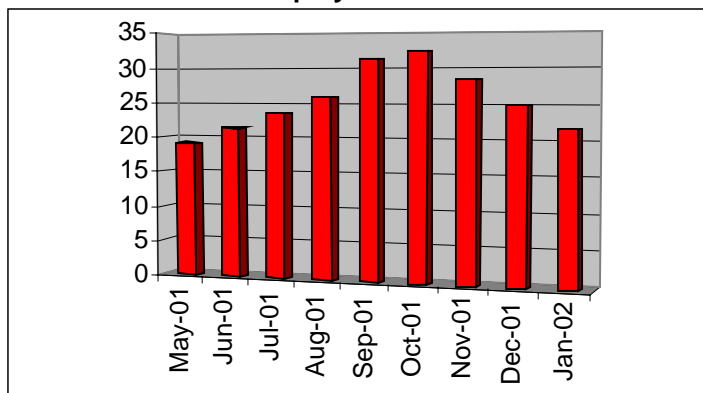


- **Elderly/Disabled:** 17.2% of FS recipients are either elderly, blind, or disabled. 42% of AGs contain at least one individual that is either elderly, blind, or disabled.

⁴ Source: DWD/DWS R&S Unit at http://www.dwd.state.wi.us/dws/rsdata/docs/fs_unduplicated_recipients_cy01.xls

- **Work/Earnings:** 21.7% of the AGs have at least one person working. This is a decrease of 3.1% from last month, which decreased 3.7% from the month before. The average monthly earned income of those AGs' is \$975, a reduction on average of \$22 per AG from last month.⁵ 31% of adult FS recipients are employed. Currently, the unemployment rate in Wisconsin is 5.1%.⁶

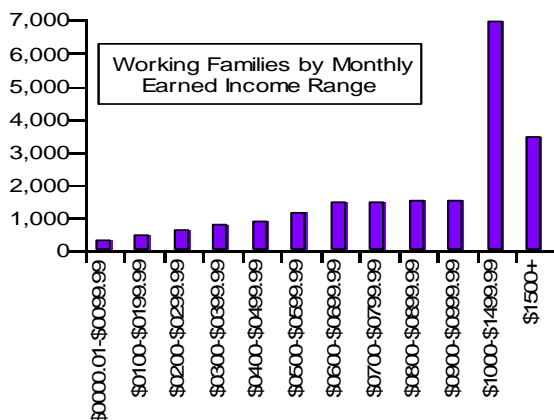
% of FS AGs with at least one employed individual



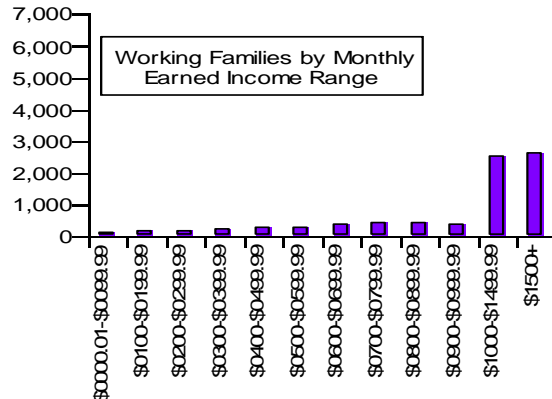
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- **Working Families:** A "working family" is defined as a FS AG that contains at least one minor, at least one parent of a minor, and at least one employed recipient. This is an attempt to explore those FS recipients that have children and are able to work. Working families make up 27.5% of the statewide FS AGs, average 3.7 persons per AG, and average \$1,085 in earned income per month. Other stats are available below.

One-Parent Families



Two-Parent Families



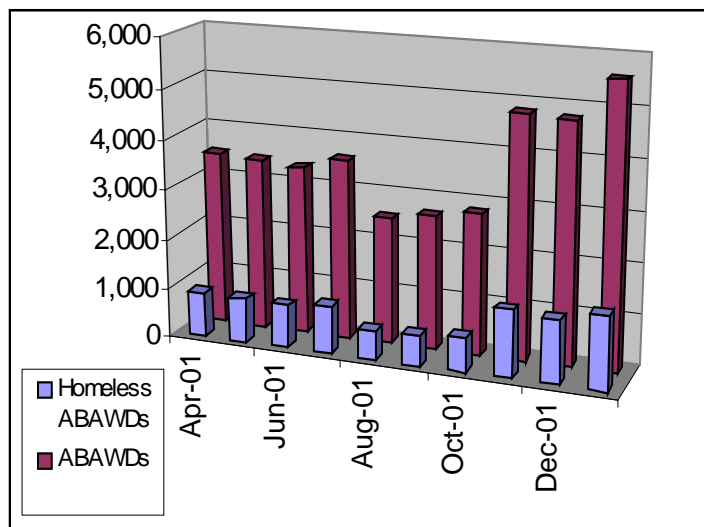
	Working Family AGs	Avg. Recipients per AG	Avg. Earned Income per AG/month	Avg. Unearned Income per AG/month	Avg. FS Allotment per AG/month
One-Parent	20,710	3.3	\$1,017	\$177	\$167
Two-Parent	8,005	4.9	\$1,259	\$209	\$247
Combined	28,715	3.7	\$1,085	\$186	\$189

⁵ This statistic contains prospective income for cases that may have caused the case to close at the end of the report month. Therefore, the income reported here was not necessarily the income used to calculate eligibility or the allotment amount.

⁶ Source: DWD Employment Data News Release at <http://www.dwd.state.wi.us/dwd/newsreleases/2002/042402a.htm>.

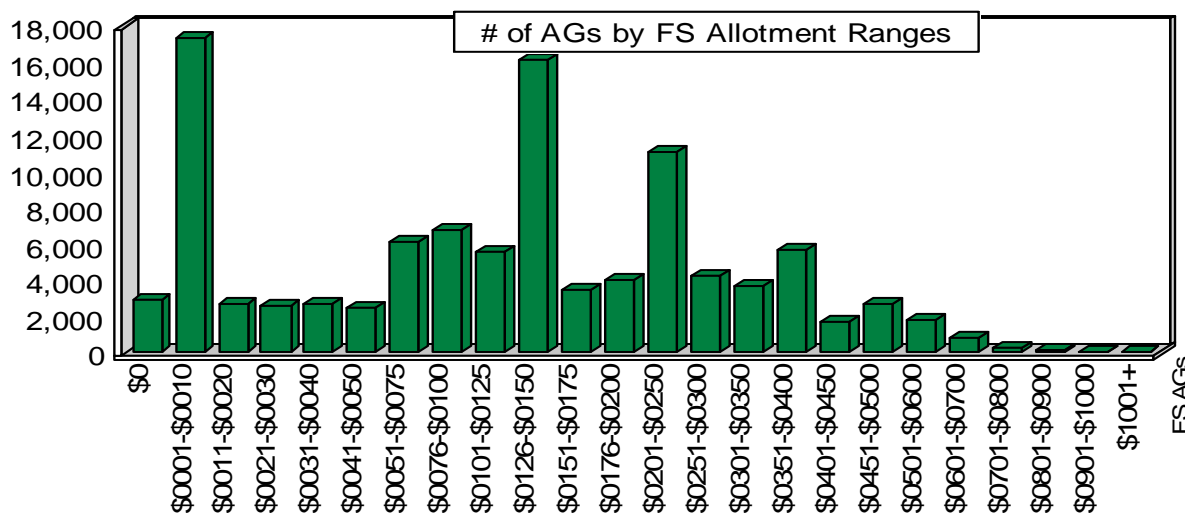
- **Able Bodied Adults (With or Without Dependents) and Employment:** 44% of Able Bodied Adult FS recipients (non elderly, non-disabled adults) are employed. These individuals may or may not have children. Contrast this with Able Bodied Adults *Without* Dependents below.

- **Able Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWDs):** 5,592 individuals are ABAWDS. That's 2.2% of the FS recipients. The number of ABAWDS increased by 824 from last month. Only 12% of ABAWDS are employed. 69% of ABAWDS are male, 31% are female. 27% of ABAWDS are homeless, a 1% increase from last month.



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- Forty individuals have received 3 ABAWD strikes and are now ineligible for FS until November 30, or until they cooperate with work requirements.
- **Allotments:** A total of over \$16.2 million in food stamp benefits were allotted for the month. The average allotment amount per AG is \$156. The average allotment for AGs that contain an elderly, blind, or disabled member is \$92. However, 19.5% of the caseload only receives between \$0 and \$10 in allotments.



Allotments continued:

Allotments have increased 25% since April of 2001. AG's and recipients have increased 19.4% and 18.6% respectively over the same time range.

- **Homelessness:** 4,407 FS recipients were homeless in January. That's 1.7% of all FS recipients. The number of homeless recipients jumped sharply from October to November by 1,600 individuals and the rate of homeless FS recipients has remained the same since then.

